

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1,2, and 4-20 and canceled claim 3. Claims 1, 2, and 4-20 are presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Objections to the Specification:

The Examiner has objected to the specification on the general grounds that it is incomprehensible as to preclude a reasonable search of the prior art. Applicant believes the specification, as originally filed, is sufficiently clear to enable one skilled in the art to make use of the invention. Nevertheless, in an effort to advance prosecution of the application, Applicant has amended the entire specification beginning at page 1 line through page 9 line 21 and has included a substitute specification. No new matter has been added by way of the amendments. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the objections to the specification.

Response to Objections to the Drawings:

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR § 1.83(a). Applicant respectfully notes that Figure 3 located on drawing sheet 3 identifies the spacing "L". Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the objections to the drawings.

Response to Rejections under Section 112:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph, as incomprehensible. Applicant has amended claims 1-10 to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. Applicant believes the claims, as originally filed, comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the objections to the claims.

Request for allowance of claims 1-2 and 4-20:

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3, 5-9, 18, and 20 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been rewritten in such a manner and in view of the amendments to claims 1, 11, and 12, as well as

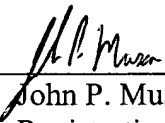
dependent claims 2, 4-10, and 13-20 which depend from the independent claims, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-2 and 4-20 are in condition for allowance and requests allowance of claims 1-2 and 4-20.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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